



INTEGRITY INITIATIVES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2021 I-RATE Awards



AWARDS PACK



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ABOUT THE AWARDS

WHAT ARE THE INTEGRITY INITIATIVES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS?

The I-RATE Awards recognize initiatives within national agencies that strengthen integrity within the institution.

HOW MANY CATEGORIES ARE THERE?

There are three (3) categories overall, for the awards.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

The I-RATE awards are open to all agencies in the public sector, civil society and the private sector with existing integrity initiatives in place.

Any organization can nominate initiatives within their own agency, or within other agencies.

WHEN ARE THE WINNERS ANNOUNCED?

The winners will be announced at the second National Integrity Summit in 2022.

PANEL OF JUDGES

The panel of judges will be made up of individuals from different sectors (Government, Private and Civil Society), a representative from the TIPNG Board of Directors, a representative from the TIPNG Office, and an Academic/Expert from the National Integrity Systems Assessment.

Should there be a conflict of interest with any of the judges and any submissions, the judge will be exempt from marking that entry.

IS THIS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND?

In 2017 Transparency International PNG Inc. recognized these 7 nationally owned institutions for their efforts in promoting integrity and accountability:

1. Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) - Online Registry System
2. Department of Finance - Phones Against Corruption -
3. National Judicial Staff Services (NJSS) in partnership with the University of the South Pacific (USP) - Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute (PacLII) Website
4. Department of Lands and Physical Planning (DLPP) - Corruption Complaints Desk
5. National Parliament of Papua New Guinea - Open Parliament Programme
6. PNG Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) - PNG Mining Cadastre Portal
7. Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) - Corruption Complaints Desk

WHY SHOULD YOU ENTER?

WHY SHOULD YOU NOMINATE AN INITIATIVE FROM ANOTHER AGENCY?

Inter-Agency collaboration is vital in safeguarding the interests of Papua New Guineans. Taking time to recognize another agency's efforts to combat incorrect practices and behaviors opens avenues for the sharing of best practices.

HOW TO NOMINATE

WHO QUALIFIES FOR AN AWARD?

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SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- Submissions open Friday, 14th May 2021 (during the launch) and close on Friday 15th July 2022 at 5pm
- All entries must be made on official TIPNG Nomination Form
- Entries can be hand delivered to TIPNG office, Sec. 54, Lot 31 Lokua Avenue, Boroko, NCD. Entries can also be emailed to info@transparencypng.org.pg those wishing to post in nominations can mail them to:

Attn: Daera Ganiga
2021 TIPNG I-RATE AWARDS
Transparency International PNG Inc
PO BOX 591, Port Moresby, NCD

HOW DO I NOMINATE AN/MY ORGANIZATION?

All entries must be made on an official TIPNG Nomination Form.

You will find this Form on page 4 of this pack. This Nomination Form should be completed and sent to TIPNG.

JUDGING

Initiatives are judged based on their I (Integrity) - RATE

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

Innovative: Is this a novel idea that needs to be recognized and given special attention?

Replicability: Is there scope for this initiative to be replicated in another state agency?

Accountability: Does the initiative make sure that those responsible for the provision of a service do so fairly, in compliance with all law and regulations?

Transparency: Does the initiative provide information in a timely and accessible manner? Information can be relating to a process, registry or ledgers

Empowering: Does the information empower the citizens of Papua New Guinea to take part in using and strengthening our national institutions?

THE JUDGING

- The Judges will assess each entry using the I-RATE criteria
- The Judges deliberations are confidential
- Judges reserve the right to contact the entry's nominator to seek clarification on nominations

AWARD CATEGORIES

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Category One: Digital Accessibility and Inclusion

The use of digital media and technology to promote accountability in the organization's activities/functions.

Category Two: Robust Governance Strategy or Policy

Demonstration of an effective mechanism within a policy or

strategy that was implemented as recommended by the NISA Report/Findings. Or a pre-existing policy or strategy that was strengthened as a result of the recommendations of the NISA report/findings.

Category Three: Citizens Centered Innovation

An initiative targeted for the general public. This initiative should empower people and provide a pathway for the public to seek information and assistance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRIES

1. The initiative must have been in place for longer than 6 months
2. The institution must operate locally
3. Regular citizens must have knowledge of this initiative
4. Agencies can be nominated for more than one initiative under each category where applicable
5. Agencies may nominate their own, or external, initiatives.
6. A correctly completed nomination form is required for each entry
7. Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted
8. Entrants are expected to have all the necessary approvals from within their organizations, to nominate

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WINNER PROFILE



IPA ONLINE PORTAL

1. **What is the aim of the Online Portal?** The IPA Online Registration System is aimed at turning around approvals and issuance of business certificates quickly and in the shortest time possible. It is also aimed at creating a paperless work environment. It also provides the benefit of convenience for businesses to lodge forms at the comfort of their office rather than physically coming to the IPA offices to lodge forms. It is also aimed at strengthening business processes for greater transparency and accountability by business owners in complying with business rules & regulations.
2. **How has the Portal contributed to the IPA's success?** The ORS has transformed the way that IPA conducted its business registry services by improving paper handling errors and human errors. There are now less complaints from businesses who have embraced the change as they take responsibility for ensuring correct information is uploaded and they also can get authority over their businesses and thereby become responsible for changes they make to their business records.
3. **How did it feel to have the Portal recognised with an award?** The Award created a sense of accomplishment for the IPA but more so an accomplishment in the country's regulatory space where more and more govt regulatory agencies could embrace similar technologies to create efficiency, transparency and accountability thereby reducing the spread of corrupt practices and human error.
4. **Since 2017, what kind of feedback have you received from clients and users of the portal?** Mostly, very positive comments highlighting the efficiency and ease of using the portal which meant that clients saved on trips to the IPA Offices. Commendations were also given for the portal layout which enabled ease of surfing the portal and doing business online. We also received some criticisms in 2017/2018 on the reliability of the portal however, the erratic non-availability of the portal to our clients was a direct result of power/electricity fluctuations/blackout which often resulted also in the damage of our equipment providing the portal.
5. **How would they like to expand or improve the portal in future?** We are currently improving our portal and hope to launch it later this year. The improvements will further make it easier and user-friendly to our clientele.

2021 I-RATE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE DETAILS

NAME OF INITIATIVE:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

NAME:

POSITION:

NUMBER:

POINT OF CONTACT

NAME:

POSITION:

NUMBER:

NOMINATOR'S DETAILS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

NAME:

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WHICH CATEGORY ARE YOU NOMINATING FOR?

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE INITIATIVE

WHY ARE YOU NOMINATING THIS INITIATIVE?

Please be specific in how this initiative fits the I-RATE criteria

DECLARATION:

I hereby solemnly declare that the above information and particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE: